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How Technology Affects Our World

Technology - the practical application of science to commerce or industry (as defined by wordnetweb.princeton.edu). It affects our everyday lives in so many ways. Cultures, success, power, ability, respect, is all defined by technology in one way or another. Technology allows people to have better, easier lives. It makes our countries safer. It surmounts problems that humans as a species would not be able to conquer without it. But what people don’t think about is the other side, the affect that follows the cause, the negatives. “If we continue to develop our technology without wisdom or prudence, our servant may prove to be our executioner” Omar N. Bradley. The fact that we can instantaneously talk so someone across the globe is nice, but the fact that our follies are destroying the planet we live on is not. The line between a beneficial necessity and a destructive desire for more is very thin.

Technology affects our world in several ways, but the main areas that are affected are the Environment and the people who live here. Issues such as pollution or widespread obesity are the product of careless technology. Our newer, faster machines have been generating harmful gasses and compounds that destroy life and the nature of the Earth. Our easier, more convenient means of food have malnutured and corrupted our youth to unhealthy lifestyles. Our servant is proving to be our executioner.

The first topic that is to be discussed is how technology affects people and society. Not only has it impacted the lifestyles of so many people, but it is an enabler for people to conduct unhealthy habits and to adopt destructive natures. The second topic that is to be discussed is how technology affects the environment. Global Warming is a very popular topic is politics, but the affects of technology go much farther than just the atmosphere.

This paper is not to prove that all technology is bad, while we well know that things such as matches and bikes are great inventions and advancements in technology. However, the cigarettes which those matches light, and all the roads those bikes ride on, are not the most beneficial to the Earth. The smoke and the transforming of the land have huge affects on the environment, similar to how nicotine and luxurious road trips affect the lives of people who conquer to the fashion of our technology-based world.